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*Arroyo Grande Population*

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## INTRODUCTION

The 1977 Population Update is intended to provide additional information dealing with population characteristics not covered in the 1976 Population Report, and to expand upon characteristics generated in both the 1969 and 1974 Special Census Reports dealing with renter/owner ratios and employment statistics.

Knowledge of population characteristics is an essential tool for formulating many planning decisions, whether they are land use, budgetary, and/or public service or facility related decisions.

The actual collection of statistical information was accomplished by randomly surveying residents at their homes. What homes were surveyed is not known, thusly giving the report the quality of anonymity.

It is hoped that this report will provide interesting information, useful to a wide variety of Arroyo Grande residents.

It should be noted that all "1977" statistics represent estimates of condition on January 1, 1977, and do not represent any projected statistics for the year 1977.

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**ARROYO GRANDE**  
**TABLE 1:        POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

	1960*	1970*	1974+	1977++
TOTAL POPULATION (Includes Persons in Group Quarters)	4963	7454	8478	9874
AGES 0-4    Pre-School Age %	9.9%	7.6%	6.6%	4.4%
AGES 5-18   School Age %	27.4%	32.0%	27.6%	16.1%
AGES 19+   College/Adult/ %        Retired	62.7%	60.4%	65.8%	79.5%
TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS	1695	2448	3140	3733
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER DWELLING UNIT	2.93	3.04	2.67	2.62

It is important to note the increase in the number of dwelling units and the significant decrease in the number of persons per dwelling unit. These figures, coupled with the percentage breakdown of age groups, seem to indicate a continued shift from a younger population to a more adult population.

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\*    From Federal Census

+    From 1974 Special Census

++   From 1977 Census Update, Arroyo Grande Estimate





TABLE 2: HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

YEAR	MONTH	POP.	IN HOUSE HOLD	IN GROUP QTRS.	HOUSING UNITS	MOBILE HOMES	AV. POP. PER HOUSE- HOLD
1960*	4	3291	3291	0	1149	10	3.18
1963++	12	6800	6715	85	2350	32	3.17
1964+	4	6862	6858	4	2301	50	3.31
1965++	12	7275	7220	55	2350	45	3.31
1966++	12	7500	7445	55	2305	52	3.32
1969+	5	7447	7399	48	2441	55	3.18
1974+	11	8478	8372	106	3140	255	2.79
1977++	1	9874	9773	101	3733	413	2.62

This table on Housing Building activity shows a number of important points. There has been a sharp increase in the number of mobile homes, however, the existing mobile home parks are nearing capacity. Also reflected in the table is a continued decline of population per household. Other characteristics are shown on Table 3.

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- \* From Federal Census
  - + From State Census
  - ++ Estimate

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TABLE 3:

## HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

## BY TYPE

TYPE	IN HOUSEHOLD POPULATION			TOTAL NO. OF DWELLING UNITS			% OF ALL DWG. UNITS			POPULATION PER DWELLING UNIT		
	75*	76+	77++	75*	76+	77++	75*	76+	77++	75*	76+	77++
SINGLE FAMILY	7083	7653	7800	2361	2551	2653	75%	75%	71%	3.0	3.0	2.94
2-3 UNIT APTS.	477	477	432	213	213	218	7%	6%	6%	2.24	2.24	1.98
4 PLUS UNIT APTS.	560	628	831	311	349	449	10%	10%	12%	1.8	1.8	1.85
MOBILE HOMES	399	538	710	243	313	413	8%	9%	11%	1.64	1.72	1.72
TOTAL	8519	9296	9773	3128	3426	3733	100%	100%	100%	2.72 Ave.	2.71 Ave.	2.62 Ave.

The table above gives actual and estimated figures on housing characteristics by type. The figures reflect housing conditions as of January 1 of 1975, 1976, and 1977. It is interesting to note that single family homes continue to be the dominant housing type in Arroyo Grande, however it has declined in percentage of the total. It is also interesting to see a drop in the population per dwelling unit for most housing types.

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\* From Special Census, 1974 and Building Records

+ Extrapolated from Building Records

++ From 1977 Census Update and Building Records



TABLE 4: POPULATION PER DWELLING UNIT BY AGE\*  
Pre-School and School Age Only

AGES	SINGLE FAMILY	2-3 UNIT APTS.	4+ UNIT APTS	MOBILE HOME
0-4	.18	.06	.10	0
5-18	.86	.22	.38	.01

\*From 1977 Census Update

FIGURE 1: POPULATION BY AGE CATEGORY

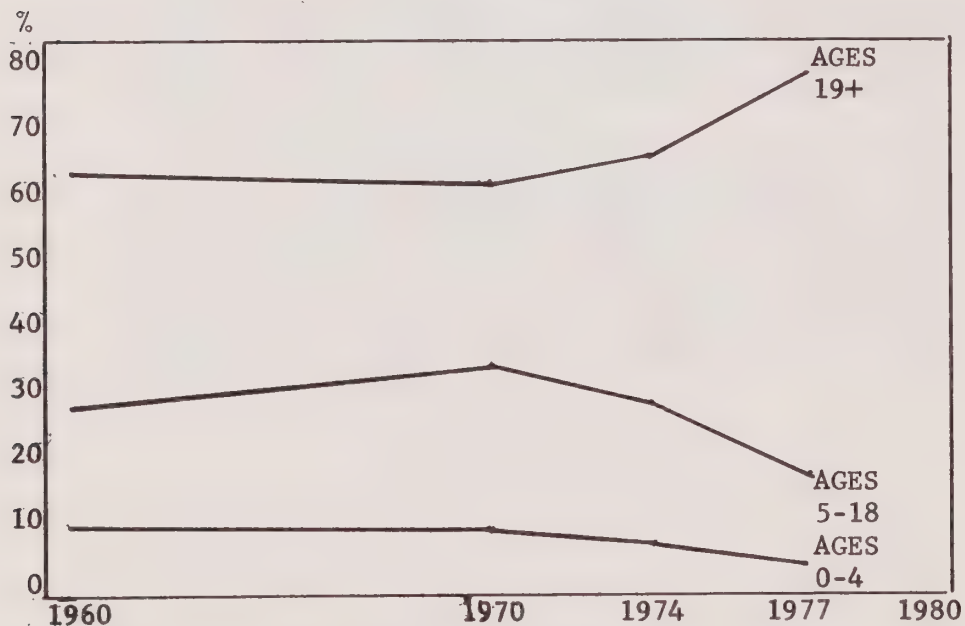


Figure 1 shows how the population has changed over the past 16 years. As can easily be seen, the percentage of "Adult" age people has been rising since 1970, and the percentage of preschool and school age children continues to decline since 1970.





## SPECIAL QUESTIONS

In addition to the important demographic data obtained from the 1977 population update, the update also included three questions which corresponded to both the 1969 and 1974 State Census. They included renter/owner information, area of employment, and industry employed.

The number of home owners in Arroyo Grande has remained somewhat stable over the past six years. It is interesting to note the dramatic decrease of those who rent for under \$100, and the sharp increase of those who rent for over \$200. Of course, these figures reflect the nature of the local and national economy, but more importantly, these figures, together with data on income levels, may point out a need for low income/low rent housing.

The area of employment information pointed out a decrease of Arroyo Grande residents employed in the City, and an increase in the category of other/not in work force/retired. The latter category was broken down further in 1977 to Retired, Unemployed, and Other. The rise in the number of retired people reinforces the established trend of Arroyo Grande becoming a more "Adult" Community.





\* DO YOU OWN OR RENT?

IN PERCENT	1969	1974	1977
OWN	68.7	76.7	70.5
RENT - LESS THAN \$100	56.6	17.4	.9
\$100 - \$149	35.3	12.9	2.9
\$150 - \$199	7.5	55.9	56.9
OVER \$200	.01	13.7	40.0

\* IN WHAT AREA IS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYED?

IN PERCENT	1969	1974	1977
ARROYO GRANDE	22.5	24.0	12.1
5 CITIES AREA	7.6	5.2	9.0
SANTA MARIA AREA	7.4	7.6	6.4
VANDENBERG AFB ) Combined	4.1	3.7	2.2
) in 1974			
OTHER SOUTH ) and 1977	3.0		
S.L.O AREA	17.3	17.1	12.6
OTHER NORTH	2.0	8.3	1.9
OTHER/RETIRED/NOT IN WORK FORCE	36.1	34.1	55.8
RETIRED			46.5
UNEMPLOYED			4.4
OTHER			4.9



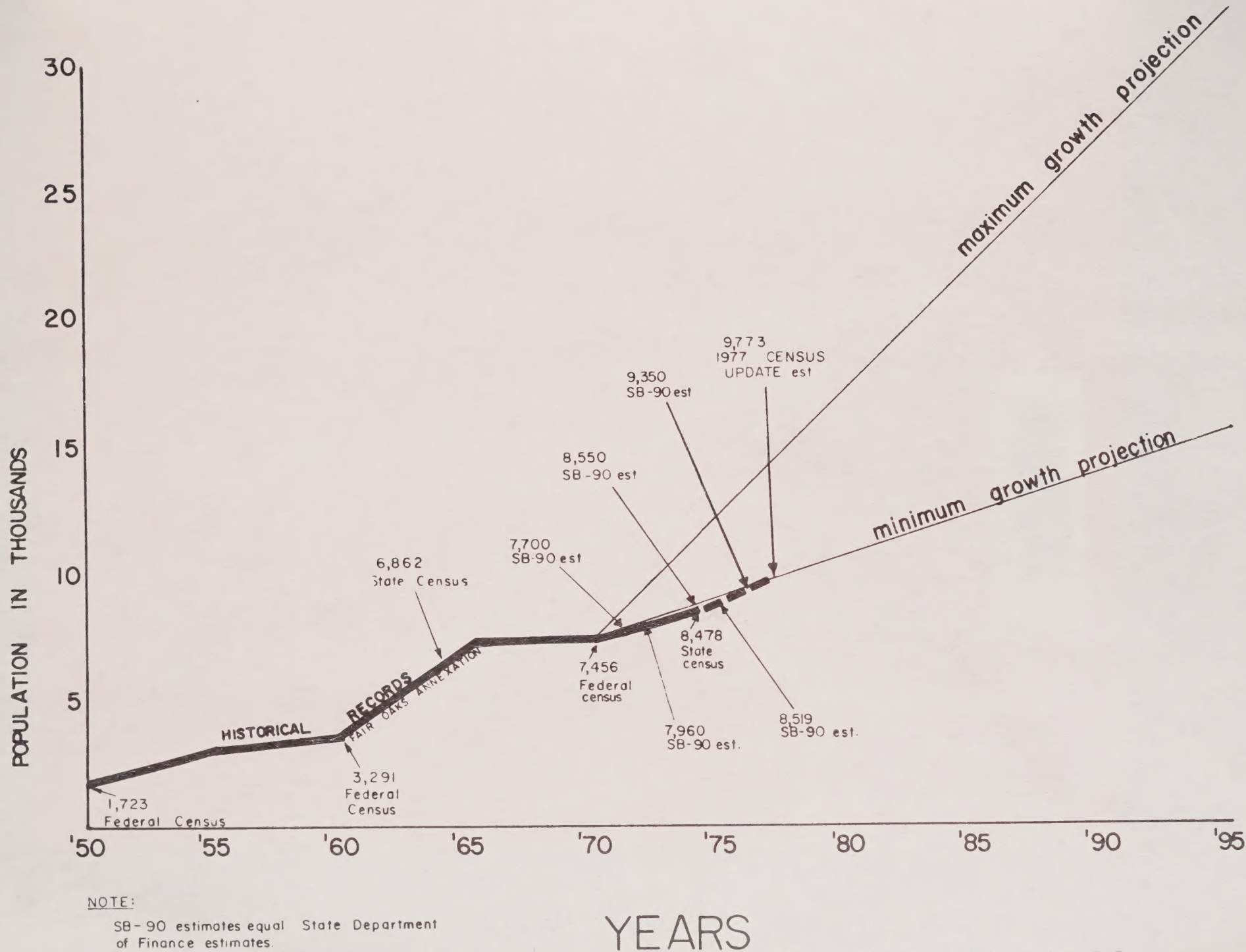
The industry employed information shows a continuing decline of those employed in agriculture. Those employed in construction also show a continuing significant decline.

\* IN WHAT INDUSTRY IS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYED?

IN PERCENT	1969	1974	1977
AGRICULTURE	4.4	3.0	1.1
RETAIL/COMM.	11.2	10.8	13.5
INDUSTRY	6.1	6.0	5.3
PROFESSIONAL ) Combined in	6.0	11.4	9.5
) 1974 and			
SCHOOL ) 1977	6.6		
GOVERNMENT	7.0	9.4	7.8
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER	27.8	18.5	11.9
UNEMPLOYED/NOT IN WORK FORCE ( RETIRED)	30.9	40.9	50.9
RETIRED			46.5
UNEMPLOYED			4.4







**NOTE:**

SB-90 estimates equal State Department of Finance estimates.





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